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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE **EXAMINING GROUP 2826**

Attorney Docket No. 5649-1191

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Seong-Jun Heo Application No.: 10/780,244

Confirmation No. 9666 Group Art Unit: 2826 Examiner: Evan T. Pert

Filed: February 17, 2004

Methods Of Forming A Semiconductor Device Having A Metal Gate Electrode And

Associated Devices

Date: February 24, 2006

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AMENDMENT AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE **PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

For:

This Amendment is responsive to the Notice of Allowance of December 1, 2005. Please amend the above-identified application as follows. The Amendment merely makes clarifying (formality) amendments to Claim 18 and does not alter the scope of the claim.

If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this document,

Remarks begin on page 7 of this document.